

EU Project Manager, its professional evolution and perspectives: a crucial role

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The crucial role of the EU Project Manager: professional evolution and perspectives

The professional profile of the **EU project manager has grown in importance in recent years**, in line with the increasing complexity of the work, with the greater need for expert advice, and with the spread of technical and financial instruments of the European Commission.

Becoming a manager of projects financed through EU funds (centralized and structural ones) means **to develop an attitude, a know how, and capacities which can be transversally** applied to content topics of any kind.

The competencies profile of the EU project Manager

- Project design (creativity within priorities; description Vs narration)
- Project management (technical coordination, financial literacy, reporting)
- Analytical skills
- Relational and multicultural skills
- Team management (leadership, guidance and facilitation, decision taking)
- Complex problem solving
- Inspiration, ability to adopt 'out of the box' solutions
- Critical thinking
- Innovation Skills (research, scenario building, design thinking)
- Ethical skills
- Negative capability

The matter of PM competencies certification; a challenge with a solution: IPMA

The future perspectives of EU Project Managers

It is a professional figure that will be increasingly in demand by companies and organisations aiming to access the opportunities offered by the new EU programming 2021-2027 and beyond!

In this sense, we are convinced that it is one of the professions of the future!

EU project management skills and competencies can be trained, but expertise is developed through practice.

Where do EU PMs provide their know how?

- As staff of an organization (content expertise is dominant)
- As free lance consultants (process expertise is dominant)

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Example: me as EU project manager at the Academy of Entrepreneurship:
Senior project manager supervising 16 project:

- Technical coordination activities
- Financial supervision
- Research activities
- Creation of training curricula
- Pilot and testing activities
- Quality monitoring
- Dissemination activities
- Exploitation of results
- Reporting

Some major tools used by EU Project Managers

Repository tools

- Google Drive
- Drop Box
- Microsoft Team

Management tools

- Osana
- Trello
- Basecamp
- Slack
- Monday
- ClickUp

- Hive

Working and Communication tool

- Miro
- Canvas
- Smartsheet

Surveys and quizzes

- SurveyMonkey
- Airtable
- Google Forms

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Thank you !!!



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